EXCISE.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 185. This is for the staff to be appointed for the Chowkey opened at the new Edava Railway Station. Whenever a new Railway Station is opened people travel to and fro and goods are booked to and from that station. A Chowkey then becomes necessary for customs examination. The minimum staff of a Chowkey is a Petty Officer on Rs. 18 and two peons, one on Rs. 10 and the other on Rs. 9. The total expenditure per mensem is Rs. 87.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know when this Chowkey was opened?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): On 1st December last. But no staff has been appointed so far. If sanction is obtained from the House the staff will be appointed. For the remaining five months of the year a sum of Rs. 185 is required.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know how the Chowkey was opened without staff?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Temporarily the minimum staff was taken from the Chirayinkil Range. Now they are doing the work.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

POLICE.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 600 for rewards to Police officers in connection with the special work turned out by them during this year. (*Cries of louder please.*)

PRESIDENT: The Honourable member will please raise his voice a little.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): By special work I mean the work during the celebrations in connection with the birthday of His Highness the Maharaja and the visit of the illustrious guests, and the Dassara festivals. All these festivities synchronized this year. The Police officers had to over-work themselves. They were compelled to do over-time work. The usual budget provision for rewards is found inadequate; there is only a balance of Rs. 100. (*Louder, please.*)

PRESIDENT: It is not necessary to go from one extreme to the other. (*Laughter.*)

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): As these several festivities synchronized, the Police men had additional duties to perform, and were compelled to do over-time work and for that some special consideration has to be shown to them by way of rewards. Hence this motion for supplementary grant.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether this cannot wait till the next Budget Session?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): A special work should be rewarded at once; else it loses its effect. There will be no meaning in rewarding these people after a number of years.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*); May I know whether the amount has already been paid?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No. It is only after the grant is sanctioned by the House that the amount can be paid.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there was any festivity in the current year other than the festivities that we had last year?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes, so many; the Governor's visit, the Temple Entry Proclamation and the situation resulting from it; these caused the Policemen extra work and necessitated anxious watching by them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any allotment in the present year's budget for rewards for such special duties?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): We have got Rs. 100 left out of the budget provision, and that is too small an amount for meeting the p esent demand. That is the reason why I have come for an additional grant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know what class of officers are to be rewarded?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Two District Superintendents of Police have already been rewarded with good service entry; and the other classes of officers to be rewarded are the Assistant Superintendents, the Inspectors, the Head Constables and the Constables.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I rise to oppose the demand both on principle and on the ground that such a demand is not warranted by the situation or by the reasons advanced. It is not good policy to give rewards to people for doing their duties. If this reward is given I fear it would amount to our questioning the capacity of the officers for whom these prizes are offered. It would look as though the Commissioner was surprised that these officers were able to do their work. Is it a matter for surprise; and is it as a result of such surprise that the Commissioner is now coming forward with this supplementary demand? Does he really think that these officers are incompetent that they should be given rewards in order that they should do their ordinary work? It is only their legitimate duty that they have discharged. I do not think the award of any prize will be justifiable or necessary.

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Another point to be considered is whether they were able to perform their duties well by methods which are not unjust. The Commissioner has not explained that point. We do not know whether the Police Officers have used only legitimate and just means to achieve their ends.

PRESIDENT: Does the hon'ble member refer to the keeping of order during the festivities connected with the Temple Entry Proclamation ?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Not at all.

My point is whether the methods by which these officers have been able to preserve order were not terrorising and threatening the people. Then, they do not at all deserve any reward. On the other hand they may even be liable for punishment. That is my view. The Commissioner has not explained that point. The fact that they have not been punished is sufficient reward for them.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Before opposing the demand, I wish to thank the Chair for interrupting the previous speaker with a question about the Temple Entry Proclamation.

PRESIDENT: Order, order; I did so because I did not follow the hon'ble member's argument.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): If it is the argument of the Police Commissioner that the Police had to do extra work in connection with the Temple Entry Prolamation, then I must enter my emphatic protest against the insinuation made by the Police Commissioner. I am here to voice the public opinion. There was absolutely no scope for any doubt that there was any unrest among the people on account of the issue of the Proclamation. As a matter of fact, all people welcomed that Proclamation with one heart. As such, there is no reason for the Police Commissioner to say that the Police had to do any extra work in connection with the Temple Entry Proclamation. That one point is quite sufficient for the House to throw out the demand, as it carries with it its own condemnation. Then with regard to rewards to be given in connection with the festivities held recently at Trivandrum, the Police Officers ought to know.....

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there were no festivities held in connection with the Temple Entry Proclamation ?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Yes, there were many.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Police Officers had no special responsibilities in connection with those festivities ?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): They had absolutely none. They were also enjoying the festivities like the other people who had gathered; and that itself is a reward for them. The Police also equally enjoyed those festivities with the crowds. Then wherein lies the justification for rewarding them further ?

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[Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.]

Secondly, as the previous speaker said, the principle of this demand is wrong. I am not at all surprised to see the Police Commissioner making a demand of this kind before this House, because he is usually approached with petitions from his subordinates to the effect, "I have not got any black mark in my record of work and so I deserve a promotion or a reward". Sir, I am at a loss to understand why he should come forward with a demand for rewards to be given to Police Officers for doing only their legitimate duties in connection with these festivals. Sir, I can understand reward being given to a Police Officer for daring deeds under trying circumstances involving the risking of his life for instance, or in a case where an officer, by his skill, has found out undetected cases. Sir, in this connection, I may say that, in every corner of the State, there are instances of serious offences where criminals are let off and crimes remain undetected.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): On a point of order; ever so many cases *have* been detected, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I din't hear you.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Ever so many cases have been detected.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, only small cases involving minor offences have been detected; for instance in our place, one goldsmith has been found out while counterfeiting the copper cash, while, as is well known, the counterfeiting of coins of half rupee and currency notes is going on in a large scale in this State. If such a case is found out I will be only glad to see that the officer is rewarded. But as a rule, these serious offences go undetected as yet. Sir, in my place there was the sensational college murder case. Though a clue was secured by the Police, the culprits were let off. I understand that one of the District Officers of Police concerned with that is intended to be rewarded. Sir, it was a fountain pen that afforded the clue for the discovery of the offender; but the resposible Police Officers who were engaged in the case suppressed that fountain pen. I understand that the officer who was responsible for so suppressing the fountain pen is also in the list of officers now proposed to be rewarded.

PRESIDENT: With reference to this kind of allegation against officers I think honourable members will realise that if an allegation is to be made it ought to be made with particularity so as to enable Government and those responsible to proceed against the officers concerned. I have more than once affirmed that definite charges against officers laid on the floor of the House will be considered by Government and it is not the object of the Government to flinch from pursuing to the utmost degree the recalcitrant officers. I find allegations are made by honourable members on the floor of this House but when those honourable members are asked to substantiate those allegations

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we hear nothing further. I want to make it clear that if the allegations made are substantiated, Government will move immediately in the matter. (*Hear, hear*).

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I offer my heartfelt thanks to the Chair for this assurance.

PRESIDENT: I trust it will not be possible in this House further to repeat vague allegations. But if the name of the officer responsible and particulars of the incidents are given I will give an undertaking on behalf of Government that proceedings will be started immediately. I cannot say whether the result will be in favour of the officer or in favour of those who made the allegations.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I accept the challenge, coming as it does from the head of the administration.

PRESIDENT: I trust that the names of the officers and other particulars may be given on the floor of this House. And, if necessary, outside also.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Oh! yes. I hope the Chair will permit me one or two minutes more.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, there was a murder case in Nagercoil three years back in the Scott Christian College compound. The Police were not able to find out the persons involved. Naturally, as I have some influence in the locality, I was approached with a request to help the Police to find out the offenders. I gave my hearty co-operation and help and two persons were caught. They were asked about the details of the incident and the Police got a certain clue from them.

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

I am sensible of the fact that the honourable member wishes to give particulars. But as we are now concerned with the question of the rewards to be given to police officers in connection with the recent festivities, I trust that the honourable member will give those particulars formally to Government for the purpose of enabling them to investigate and take necessary steps in the matter.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I should be very glad to do so. Now, my point is whether that officer connected with the Nagercoil affair is included in the list of officers to whom rewards are to be given.

PRESIDENT: In justice to the officers concerned the honourable member will mention names.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I understand that one of the rewards is to be granted to Mr. Sivasankara Pillai, District Superintendent of Police, Nagercoil.

PRESIDENT: The Police Commissioner will say if that is a fact; and if so how the information got out. [C.L.

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There is no reward claimed here for Mr. Sivasankara Pillai.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I offer my thanks to the honourable member for the correction; but I understand that in this connection he is to be put in good services record. If so, that is also a reward though not in money.

Sir, the Police officers are expected to do their duty for which they are responsible and they could little expect any reward from Government. Rewards are intended for exceptional skill or meritorious service and not for doing one's duty. If rewards are given to those officers who were specially engaged during these festivities complaints may arise from others who were not given that chance. Rewards can be given for instance during police sports when all will have equal opportunities. Here certain officers are chosen by the department and they are asked to do a particular work. They come here.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The Police Commissioner will say whether the officers to be rewarded are from Trivandrum or from any other place.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): They were all from Trivandrum.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): What I meant was that instead of doing their duty in their respective places, they were asked to go over to Trivandrum in connection with these festivities. So, if they are rewarded, it will create discontent in the minds of other officers. In these circumstances, I do not find myself in a position to support this demand.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I wish to make a few remarks in opposing this demand. Sir, I do not oppose this demand on the ground that reward is not necessary for work done. But I wish the Police Commissioner to make out a case for a demand of this nature. First of all, he has to satisfy the House how this demand can be considered as an emergent necessity so as to be brought in as a supplementary demand. He ought to know that a supplementary demand is brought forward only under special circumstances. This House watches with jealous care any infraction of the rules laid down for financial control. The Commissioner should satisfy the House how this demand is urgent. I suggested by way of a question that there is no occasion for any emergency with regard to this demand, and he answered that we ought not to wait for years to give rewards to the police officers concerned. Why should he not wait till the Budget Session? At the time of the Budget Session this demand can be made. Otherwise, he has to make out how it is necessary to give the rewards at once. He has also to supply details as to the kind of service or work for which the rewards are to be given and in what proportion the amount is to be distributed. If he had made these matters clear I hope Sir, there would not have been any objection in getting this demand passed. He ought to have made these points clear, and not rest content with a bold statement. "I want Rs. 600 for payment of rewards for certain

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kind of work done during the recent festivities at Trivandrum". We know very well, Sir, this year, in the capital there have been festivities on a phenomenal scale, and a very large number of people came here, congregated and took part in those festivities. But all passed off peacefully due to the discipline of the crowd as well as the great tact and consummate skill exercised by the police officers in handling situations. That must be admitted.

I am not at one with Mr. Sivatanu Pillai in saying that rewards can be offered only for risking one's life or for doing something heroic in the crude sense of the term. Rash men may rush into danger at the risk of their lives and fortune may favour them, and they may come out successful. It is much more difficult to control oneself and exercise restraint in exercising one's powers. That is a greater demonstration of skill and self control. That can be said in favour of our Police force as a whole. We want their disciplined strength in tackling situations tact-fully. And such conduct deserves encouragement. Such a demonstration, though not ostentatious, has to be made in times like this when mobs have to be dealt with in a tactful manner. I am sensible of the fact that the Police have done splendid work in peacefully co-operating with the public in seeing that the various festivities were conducted in harmony and without any hitch, which sometimes occurs. I consider that work meritorious and worthy of a reward. But the Police Commissioner said that he is going to offer this reward for overtime work done. Then it is not reward; it is money earned. Services have to be paid for. The Police Commissioner has not made it clear whether he proposes to pay rewards or overtime allowance. I hope he will make that clear and also answer the other points I have raised. With these words I resume my seat.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PIALLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the member feels that the Commissioner of Police himself has had to do a lot of work.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Details have not been given. Rewards are given to subordinate officers as an incentive for future work and as an example for the outside Police force. My friend Mr. Sivatanu Pillai was stating that this reward was unnecessary because the people throughout the State could not earn it. It will not be possible for a Police officer in Trivandrum to detect a smuggling case in Muvattupuzha and earn a reward. It happens that some people get.....

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Only a question was put to the member.

PRESIDENT: It is a long answer.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): It happens in the world that some people alone get opportunities.

SADASYA TILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Sir, I support the demand, but with a qualification. I do not subscribe to the position that because a Police officer has done a little more work than

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he would do in normal times, he should be given a reward. The appreciation of Government should not be confined to any particular department. There are the Shorthand Reporters in this House. If a man talks in a very low voice or if a man talks very idiomatic English, which an ordinary shorthand writer may not follow, or if a man talks bad English, the Shorthand Reporter.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Without the consent of the Head of Administration an increase in grants cannot be made, for the Shorthand Reporters.

SADASYA TILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): I was only pointing out a parallel case in which the Head of the Department may come forward with a supplementary Demand. One more instance is that of the Nayar Brigade who in going through the various processions have to experience heavy rain or scorching heat. I can bear witness to the fact of the soldiers falling down due to oppressive heat during the Sasthamangalam Procession last year. Now, that is suffering indeed. I do not want to minimise the importance of the work done by the Police. The rank and file of them are doing very good work. There is very great discipline and willingness to work on the part of the Police officers, high and low. What I wish to submit before this House is that Government should recognise meritorious service in all cases, whether it is done by the Police or by the Military, or by any other branch of the Administration If a man does exceedingly good work he must be rewarded. Because a little more work was done for special reasons during a specified time, that should not entitle the Police Officer alone for a reward.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether in the case of executive officers who have to be about and available for work always, any reward should be given for overtime work?

SADASYA TILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I know that Police Officers and Magistrates, like the Tribunes in ancient Rome, have always to be on duty so that any man would have the right to approach him for help both by day and by night. If the Police Commissioner is satisfied that a particular officer has done meritorious work, his claims for reward may be considered; but, the Commissioner will have to put his reasons before the Government and the Government may in the circumstances of the claim make up their minds that a meritorious reward should be given. But, simply because a little more work was done I am not prepared to accede to the view that a reward should be granted. With that qualification, namely, that if the Police Commissioner and Heads of other departments are satisfied through uncontestable reasons, and if the Government is also satisfied on a close examination of the facts that a reward should be given, I am in favour of it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Does the member support or oppose the demand?

PRESIDENT: I do not think the honourable member is called upon to construe his own speech.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Sir, I was a little amused when I heard the Police Commissioner pleading for an allotment of Rs. 600 for distribution of rewards among the officers. The argument advanced was that during the festivities the Police were considerably strained and that they have legitimately earned a reward. I have read the Police Regulation. I know the Police force in the State; and, in regard to the work that they have turned out during the recent festivities, I am not in a position to see anything which they have done in excess of what they are generally called upon to do. If the plea is that they have been called upon to strain themselves a bit, I would ask whether the Police Commissioner himself did not do more work. I wish to know whether the Chief Secretary himself had not a good lot of additional work to turn out in connection with the festivities as well as the clerks of the Secretariat. I wish to know, Sir, whether during the large assembling of people, the Public Health Department had not more work to do.

It was said, Sir, that the Police are entitled to some reward When do we think of making rewards to persons who have done some work? My humble opinion is that we think of making a reward only when an officer has done something in excess of what is natuarally expected of him. To preserve peace and order is the ordinary routine work of the policeman. In connection with the festivities and processions I was not able to see anything more than this. If we are going to take into account the discharge of the legitimate duties of these people as entitling them to earn a reward, my fear is that we will be thereby corrupting the Police. No Policeman is entitled to expect, for doing his legitimate and ordinary duties, a reward from Government. He is bound to preserve order. He is bound to do the work which the District Officer directs him to do. If he neglects to do it, he will be a a renegade, and will be punished. As Mr. Sivatanu Pillai has pointed out, I can understand the claim for a reward if there had been a fire which broke out as a result of the festivities, and the Police had exerted themselves and extinguished the fire and saved loss of life and property. In that connection some of us would also have given our help and done something out of the way. What is it that the Police have done? They preserved order among the men who went in an orderly manner. If the Policeman asks me to keep my side, I automatically do it. If I go to Spencer's leaving my car on the road and if the Policeman says "Take away your car," I immediately do so. Why? Because I want to preserve order. I do not want to break the law and make confusion on the public road. Is the Policeman to earn the reward, or am I to earn it? We are becoming more and more educated; we love peace; we want to see everything conducted in the State on an orderly basis. We the people, are entitled to greater rewards than the Policemen. They have been posted in various places and they have been keeping the crowds in order, and for this a reward is to be earned by the A. S. P. I can go down to the Inspector. Even that is highly wrong in principle. Something may be given to the men and not to the officers.

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[Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai.]

Should not the Commissioner also be given something? The Commissioner very honourably says 'I do not come in for the reward'. If that is so, the D. S. P's. should also be induced to say that they do not want it. The A. S. P's also must be made to say that. The Inspectors should refuse to receive the reward. I can understand low paid men, like the Constables who are overworked, being given something by way of solatium for the great strain they had to undergo. But, do not make an exception in the case of the Police. They are bound to behave properly towards the public. As Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said, there is considerable self-restraint on the part of the Police because there was no exhibition of force by them. I do not accept that sort of argument. If that argument is accepted the public also should be rewarded because they did not exhibit any force. With these few observations, I support the suggestion that the whole of this fund should not be utilised but only that portion of it which is proposed to be given to the Head constables and the Constables.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): I did not wish to intervene in this debate until I heard the Commissioner of Police speaking about the carrying out of the Temple Entry Proclamation and the strain it caused to the Police. That does not appear to be a correct statement of facts. The Temple Entry Proclamation was given effect to throughout Travancore with the hearty co-operation of the public and without any special effort on the part of the Police. It would be giving a wrong colour to the Proclamation and to its effect in Travancore if we were to say that that Proclamation was brought into operation only with the help of the Police. And so, if that is one of the reasons stressed for Policemen getting rewards, I must strongly oppose the demand.

I am at one with my friend Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai when he said that no portion of this reward should go to the higher officers of the department. He spoke of the Constables and Head constables. I am prepared to include the Inspectors also. So far as the D. S. P's are concerned I believe the Commissioner said that they were to be given certificates and that they were not going to get any portion of this reward. I must exclude the A. S. P's also.

PRESIDENT: Order, Order. Is there any formal amendment before the House.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): No, I do not propose any amendment. I wish to hear the Commissioner of Police on this matter, and then I shall decide about my vote.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I also wish to speak a few words on this motion. The Commissioner of Police has made a demand for Rs. 600 for rewards to Police officers for additional work in connection with certain festivities in Trivandrum. Festivities in Trivandrum are not an unusual feature. Every year we find something or other requiring some exertion on the part of the Police. Sometimes we find that the Police have to exert much more than usual.

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With regard to the Temple Entry Proclamation, I do not think the Commissioner of Police would lay much emphasis on that. On account of his low voice, I did not hear him fully about that. He referred to the Birthday festivities, and to the Dassara festival. The latter is a festival which takes place in Bangalore or Mysore, and not here. We have only the Poojayeduppu procession here. Sir, giving rewards for such purposes is a bad precedent. For this purpose the Police Commissioner wants a supplementary grant. We find, in the budget for 1112, two separate provisions; there is an item called special rewards amounting to Rs. 1,000, and also another item amounting to Rs. 1,200. When a supplementary grant is asked for, the Police Commissioner must say whether the amount sanctioned in the budget has already been spent. He must also give details of the way in which he proposes to spend Rs. 600. Without these details it will not be possible for us to vote for this demand. I even fear that this motion for supplementary grant will not be in order if he does not make out a case that the amount allotted is insufficient and that a need has arisen for a supplementary demand. With these words I oppose the demand.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I wish to make one or two observations on this motion. It has been pointed out in this House that the Police, in preserving order during the various festive occasions this year, have only done their legitimate duty. It is true, Sir, that it is the duty of the Police to preserve order. But it so happened that, this year, a number of festivities almost synchronized or came one after another in close succession. The festivities connected with His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday and the Poojayeduppu do not usually come closely together; there used to be an interval between them. But, this year, all these festivities more or less synchronized. Along with these there were also the festivities connected with the Temple Entry Proclamation. The Police had naturally to exert themselves and had to subject themselves to greater strain and stress this year than in previous years. That is one point.

The second point I wish to advert to is this: The ordinary duty of preserving order in normal times is not so severe as that of preserving order on occasions when thousands of people assemble together. Honourable members are aware for instance, of the large concourse of people at the maidan in front of the railway station when Gandhiji was presented with an address, the large crowd that have assembled there when the Harijans submitted an address to His Highness the Maharaja and the still larger crowd that was present on the Parade ground when the Ezhavas presented an adress to His Highness. Those were extraordinary occasions which attracted unusually large crowds. No doubt, in those crowds there might have been a large number of people like my friend Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai who exercised great self-control. But I do not think that in a crowd of thousands of people all will be Puthupalli Krishna Pillais. There may be a number of persons who will not be able to exercise self-control. I believe it was on account of the good work done by the Police that such huge crowds were

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properly controlled. These were extraordinary occasions, and the Police Commissioner recommended that some reward—you may call it reward, solatium, or compensation—should be given to the Police.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether the Police department was the only department that did extra work during the festivities?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Police department was mainly concerned with the preservation of order and I believe that, of all departments, that department had to bear the brunt of the work. Those who did the work deserve encouragement at the hands of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know what part of this grant will go to the Constables and what part to the higher officers?

PRESIDENT: The Police Commissioner will elucidate that point.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether this will be included in the service rolls?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Police Commissioner will answer that question also. All that I wish to point out is that in recognition of the good work done by the Police on these extraordinary occasions Government thought that it was only proper that some reward was given to the men concerned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what portion of the amount allotted in the budget has already been spent?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Police Commissioner will answer that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, I am prepared to support the demand if the Police Commissioner will make a statement separating the grant for the Constables and Head constables, from the total grant now asked for. If he is not prepared to ask for a grant only for the purpose of rewards to the constabulary, I will not be able to support the demand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, if the Police Commissioner will assure us that the whole amount will be spent as rewards to the Head Constables and the Constables who were doing their duties in connection with the festivites in Trivandrum, certainly this House will vote for the grant. If, on the other hand, it is the idea of the Police Commissioner to give rewards to the District Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Inspectors, certainly this demand will be vetoed.

In connection with the Assistant Superintendents of Police I wish to make a few observations for the information of this House and of the Government. This House must be thankful to the Government when

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the President assured this House that if members are prepared to make out a case against any officer with regard to corruption Government will take action immediately. A few months ago a murder case took place at Thamala in Vithura.

PRESIDENT: When I made those observations I did not make them with a view to raise a general discussion, on the conduct of Police officers, in the course of the discussion on this demand for rewards. All that I was concerned with and I repeat it emphatically once again for the information of this House and for the people outside, was that if honourable members of this House, or other responsible persons openly and definitely make an accusation against a Police officer, such accusation will be promptly and immediately attended to. That was all that I desired to say. Therefore the honourable member need not elucidate the details of the murder case just now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Since the Police Commissioner has come forward with a demand for a reward to be given to the A. S. P's., I have to say a word about the Trivandrum A. S. P. in connection with his duty in a recent murder case at Nedumangad. I submit for the information of the House that the A. S. P. does not deserve any reward. On the other hand he deserves punishment in the light of his conduct he has exhibited in certain cases.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will no doubt give that information to the responsible quarter concerned.

The point is that the honourable members, when making allegations in this House are protected, and it will be very unfair to the officers who are not represented in this House that accusations should be made against them under cover of such protection. Therefore, if honourable members, like the other members of the public, have to make charges against officers they should do so definitely and openly in order that investigation may be proceeded with on that basis. The Government will not proceed on allegations of this kind unless the members making the allegations are willing to take full responsibility for them, since they are likely to cost the fortunes and the future of hardworking officers. In cases where punishments are called for, of course, Government are prepared to visit such officers with condign punishments. (Mr. Sivatanu Pillai: hear, hear). Nevertheless such accusations should not be made under cover of the privileges of this House (Hear, hear).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When I speak about the corrupt conduct of the Trivandrum A. S. P. I am definite about my statements, and I take up full responsibility for the statements I make. I had submitted a statement some time back to the President showing the facts of the corrupt conduct of the present A. S. P. at Trivandrum; and I do not know what has become of it.

PRESIDENT: That matter will be investigated.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Thank You, Sir. With regard to the grant before the House, if the Police Commissioner will say that the whole amount is to be given as special allowance to the Police constables and the Head-constables engaged in connection with the visit of Gandhji and the Temple Entry celebrations, etc., I can give my support.

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I never expected that this House would require any lengthy explanation on this subject. Having known full well what all festivities, processions and so forth Trivandrum witnessed in connection with the visit of Gandhiji and the Temple Entry celebrations, and having known what all difficult, delicate and even dangerous situations the Police had to face, I little thought there will be such a serious opposition to this small demand.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Can the Commissioner give one instance of a dangerous situation that arose during those occasions?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Honourable members must realise that the Police had to deal with all sorts of people. In a crowd, there will be gentlemen as well as criminals. There may be the law-abiding and lawless people. The Police have to exercise their discretion and sound judgment. This is indeed a very serious situation.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there were conflicting interests?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): In almost all such occasions there are the law-abiding on the one side and the lawless on the other. Police have to deal with these two sets of people cautiously. During the festive occasions the crowd will generally be unmanageable. It is one of the many occasions when the Police have to behave honourably. During Gandhiji's visit also there were dangerous situations and the Police have behaved in a very exemplary way.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I did not hear what the member said about Gandhiji's visit.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not hear the member.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): All that I want to know is what the Police Commissioner said about the behaviour of the Police during the time of Gandhiji's visit to Travancore.

PRESIDENT: All that the Police Commissioner said was that Gandhji visited Travancore (*Laughter.*)

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Those occasions were one of very great and exceptional strain in the annals of Police Administration. The situations were very extraordinary. The situation had to be judiciously controlled.

So far as the Police are concerned, Gandhiji complimented our Police that they deserved comparison with the London Police, in point of efficiency, thoroughness and politeness. I have no idea of the London Police myself. Mr. Gandhi is a person who has travelled all over the world, and it is really a compliment to our Police.....

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Can the Commissioner expect a greater reward than that?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There may be greater rewards and still greater rewards in time to come. But

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I want to encourage my men by granting money rewards. If this small demand is granted it will only further improve their behaviour towards the public.

As regrds the distribution of the amount, of the sum of Rs. 600, Rs. 300 goes to the Constables, Rs. 105 to the Head-constables, and the balance to 17 Inspectors and 3 A. S. P's. No D. S. P. is to get any portion of this amount.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Could not the A. S. P's. also be excluded in that manner?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The A. S. P's. form the 'brain' power and the constabulary the 'limb'. What is the use of having the limb alone without the brain. For direction and control, brain is necessary. (*Laughter*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is there not the Police Commissioner to supply brain power? He does not seem to figure in the scheme at all.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

So far as this amount is concerned I have already stated how much of the amount goes to the Constables and what proportion goes to the superior officers. I have already explained how the A. S. P's. deserve the reward.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Were all the best men in the Police Force engaged for this purpose?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is not possible to depute all of them.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam*): In that case, is it not depriving other able men of the opportunity to earn rewards?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): All the 2,000 officers in the Police Force cannot be concentrated in the Trivandrum town during festive occasions. We have selected the best officers in the department.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether there is any objection to call this reward as an allotment for extra work?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): This is a reward not only for meritorious work done by the Police but also for the preservation of law and order. There are virtuous qualities which are expected to be exhibited by a Police Officer and for which rewards are to be given. The grant that I have asked for is only for a particular behaviour of the Police viz., the meritorious services done by them during the visit of Gandhiji in connectien with the Temple Entry celebration. No Policeman has been responsible for any offensive act during the recent festivities.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether all the Constables engaged in this work will get a portion of this reward?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes. I do not make any distinction between one policeman and another.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): Then, why not call this a payment for excess work done by them?

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Over-time work is a different thing. There is difference between payment for over-time work and reward for meritorious service.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): What is the amount that is proposed to be given to a Constable?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): One rupee for each Constable; it is only as a sort of encouragement to these people. We feel hailed when we take a cup of coffee during certain occasions. It is only in that manner the Constables will take the reward. If rewards are made like this during occasions involving extra strain to the Constables, they will feel encouraged.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Then what about the A. S. P's.?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Because they are superior officers they require superior food. They will not be satisfied with a cup of coffee alone.

PRESIDENT: Should we go to the ultimate destination of the one rupee affair? (*Laughter*).

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have nothing more to add.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the balance available out of the budget allotment for rewards?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): For all the three Districts together the amount is inadequate; we have only Rs. 100 left.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I move an amendment? The amount to be paid as reward to the constabulary may be put to vote separately.

PRESIDENT: That was why I invited the honourable members to make amendments if they are so minded, in the beginning. But none of them came forward with any amendment.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): That was because we did not know what the Police Commissioner was going to say.

PRESIDENT: Now the discussion is not concluded. Therefore the honourable members are at liberty to propose any amendment at this stage.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With your permission Sir, I beg to make the following amendment *viz.*,

> "the allotment of Rs. 600 be reduced to Rs. 405 and that the grant be limited to making payments to the Constables and the Head-constables, the amount being considered as allowance for over-time work."

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I second it.

MR. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): May I speak on the amendment, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Honourable members will be aware that complaints come to me about the subordinate officers of the Police department, and that there is lack of direction by the superior officers of the department. It is brain power that is very important. Such officers alone can be alive to the sense of

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responsibility in the discharge of work. As I said, and I repeat it again, the superior officers form the brain and the subordinate officers the limb; and they are required for control and dierection of the subordinate officers, In voting this demand, I requst that the members will consider this aspect of the matter.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Was there not a time when the Police functioned without the A. S. P's.?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes. At that time there were Circle Inspectors now, A. S. P's. have replaced them. There was the brain there, always.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pathanamtitta*) : Will not the brain be satisfied with good service entry records?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have considered the question carefully, and I have made the choice; good service entry will not be sufficient in the present case. I have explained to the House the importance of the case and how the supervising officers should be given money rewards.

PRESIDENT : The motion before the House made by the Police Commissioner is that this House should grant a sum of Rs. 600 for rewards to the Police Officers in connection with festivities at Trivandrum. To that motion an amendment has been moved that the sum of Rs. 600 should be reduced to Rs. 405 and the rewards, or the allowance as they may be called, should be confined to the Constables and the Head constables. I now put the amended motion to the vote of the House.

The amended motion was put to the vote of the House and carried and the grant was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, EXCLUDING FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNT OFFICE AND LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,620 under Demand V—General Administration, excluding Financial Secretariat, Account Office and Legislative Bodies. This amount is required for payment to the staff engaged for the Revision of the State Manual. Honourable members know that the State Manual is now being revised and that a provision of Rs. 7,000 is included in the Budget for the current year for the purpose. This amount was included in the Budget at a time when Government did not decide who should be entrusted with the work, what remuneration should be pay to him and what staff should be sanctioned to him. It was only possible to include an approximate figure in the Budget. Now, we have settled all those details; the gentleman to revise the State Manual has been chosen and he has started the work.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know why the Government considered that a revision of the State Manual was necessary?

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